Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : (*a*) One
(*b*) Nil.
(*c*) One.

Toddy Shops.

104. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) at what distance from institutions such as schools, temples, etc., shall toddy shops be opened under the rules ; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken on the complaints made by the public in regard to the shifting of certain shops in the Kothamangalam Range in view of their proximity to schools ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) The member's attention is drawn to the notification of Government dated 26-7-1907 published on page 616 of Volume II of the Acts and Proclamations of Travancore. This has been amplified and supplemented by departmental circular to the effect that wherever practicable no arrack and toddy shop will be located within two furlongs of a market, school house, places of public worship, hospital, factory, public place, railway lines and similar places of public resort.

(*b*) The matter was dropped after enquiry.

Tobacco cultivation in this State.

105. ***Mr. E. K. Kuripe**: Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether special permission is given for tobacco cultivation in this State ; and

(*b*) if so, the total extent of land in respect of which permission was given for cultivation ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) The tobacco Plantations at Edacode in the Chirayinkil taluk—5 acres.

(ii) The Gracy Estate at Kanjirapalli—7 acres.

(iii) Tobacco Plantations at Pathanapuram—6 acres.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mohamed Ismail: May I know whether permission was refused in the case of any applicant ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: No, Sir ; we got three applications, and they were all granted.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the honourable member be pleased to enlighten us regarding the quality of the tobacco produced in these new plantations ?

Mr. M. P. Joseph: At Kanjirapally, they are growing two varieties of tobacco corresponding to the Coimbatore and the Jaffna variety. In the Gracy Estate they have got down an Expert from

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